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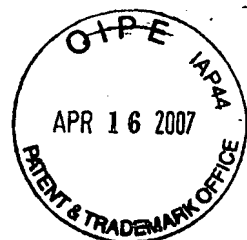
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment;
3. Substitute Specification (Clean Version);
4. Substitute Specification (Marked Up Version);
5. One (1) return postcard; and
6. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the two (2) month extension of time fee.

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